restriction on fares charged by air taxi operators.

Clash between captain and staff of Air India

824. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air India flight bound for Rome was delayed at Delhi Airport following a clash between the Captain and Staff in March, 1993.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for repeated disruption of Air India flights by its employees over petty matters; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to strengthen the functioning of Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a difference of opinion between the Captain and the Cabin crew on the issue of place of work of the Air Hostess on board the aircraft.

(c) and (d) This was a rare occurrance and steps have been taken by Air India to prevent recurrence of such cases.

Selling Different Tourist Destinations Assegments

825 DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to undertake an aggressive marketing campaign to sell different tourist destinations in India in segments instead of selling India as a destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the fact that India is too large a country to be marketed as a whole, 11 circuits and 6 destinations have been identified in the National Action Plan for intensive development and marketing.

(c) Does not arise.

New flights between Sri Ganganagar and Abohar

826. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to introduce air service between Sri Ganganagar and Abohar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Vayudoot flights from Bhatinda and Lal Garh (Sri Ganganagar) to Delhi have been discontinued;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to restart these flights for the convenience of the people of that area; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Service to Bhatinda was discontinued owing to inadequate traffic. Vayudoot never operated service to Sri Ganganagar. Resumption of service to Bhatinda or providing airlink to Sri Ganganagar is not possible for Vayudoot at present for commercial and operational reasons.